

# The Echo

October 2021



## Being Mindful & Reaching Out

Our Biblical act of worship is not what we do on Sunday mornings in coats and ties, but is a lifelong, seven-days-a-week process of placing ourselves upon an altar of sacrifice. Worship is living the principles of Christ in everything we do. You worship God by what you do all week long.

What's the difference between a Christian who's reaching out to people, trying to help others and a Christian who sits like a fat cat on a pew? Well, maybe the Christian who's reaching out realizes the urgency and remembers what it was like before they knew about Jesus. Maybe we realize that when people need help, they need Jesus above all else.

Taking food to the poor is an act of worship. Offering a kind word to a person in need is an act of worship. Writing a letter to encourage a friend or sitting down with your Bible to teach someone are all acts of worship.

We're in a fast-moving, fast-paced society. We need to build bridges between our hearts and individuals we see need a friend. Then we must allow Jesus to cross that bridge of friendship and walk into that waiting heart.

We all know the importance of a friend. And whether or not you are friendly could determine whether or not someone hears about Jesus Christ. Your handshake, your warmth, your walk, your caring concern could make the difference in someone's life.

The seasons are changing, let us reach out and be mindful of all God's children. We are all made in God's image and need to have friends.

Lift up our eyes, Father, that we might see our world as you see it. Help us respond as you respond to the hurts around us. Amen

*Peace, Pastor Janelle*



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# EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## SNOWBIRDS!!!

I know it seems ridiculous to address snowbirds at this beautiful time of year but seasons change. Please notify the church office if your address has changed or if you have a different address for the winter months. The USPS does not forward our non-profit Echo mailings but rather returns them to us with **postage due** if the address is not current or if you are away for even just a few weeks. If you prefer to receive the Echo by email during months you are away, please email that information to [emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com). The Echo can also be found on the church website around the 3rd of the month. <http://galchuttemmanuel.weebly.com/>



We send weekly E-updates to those on our email mailing list informing members of what is going on for the coming week. Each week we receive 3-4 emails returned with the message, "This user's mailbox is full." If you have missed receiving our weekly e-updates, please check to see if your mailbox is full.



Pastor Janelle will generally have office hours for GEM each week at Emmanuel on Wednesdays, up until she leaves for confirmation about 2:30-3 PM. Stop in and visit with her.

The weekly bulletins will usually be printed on Thursday mornings by the Administrative Asst. so if you have items that need to be included, please email them to [emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com) by Wednesday night.



The Galchutt Church before the north SS addition & south dining room addition were added. (above & below)



## EMMANUEL MEMBERS -

The Emmanuel Lutheran 27th Annual Meatball Dinner will be held on December 5, 2021. This is Emmanuel's **sole** fundraiser each year and consists of the meatball dinner, a raffle, and bake sale. Tickets will be printed during the first week of October. We count on all Emmanuel members to step up and sell the raffle tickets once printed and Tessa is distributing them. Please also consider offering to help with the preparations for the dinner. Thank you so much!!!



Thanks for Your Support!

*The Emmanuel Church Council*

If you have an announcement for an event or photos from a baptism, wedding, or other special event regarding a member of our parish, we would love to include the information in an upcoming issue. Please email them to the Editor at [emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com)

## BE SOMEONE'S MIRACLE

Miracles happen every day, if we just look around us. They aren't reserved for just the best of souls or the most elite. In fact, God has helped out some of us who might be considered major screw-ups. The wonder of each miracle is that it is a gift being offered unexpectedly when one needs it most.

Some miracles are huge, jaw-dropping moments, like a terminal patient being cured, a pocketed Bible stopping a lethal bullet, Jesus walking on water. But many others are quieter, yet just as impactful. Our challenge as Christians is to look carefully around us, to notice what others need. It isn't always obvious but sometimes what is a very small gesture on our part can change the life of someone else, like a note of thanks, a phone call, sharing garden produce with a food pantry, assisting at a soup kitchen, a friendly visit. As we prepare LWR school kits and quilts, I have felt many times that it is a miracle that someone has provided the things we need so that we can continue to be a miracle for someone around the world and at home. Thank you for being led by the Spirit to provide. Our one small gesture can be someone's miracle.

*Ellen Rittenhouse*



From the  
**EDITOR**

For those of you who knew my mom, you probably know that she was one who saved and took a lot of photos over the years. As I have cleaned out her apartment, I was reminded of just how many photos she had - photos that had moved in 2013 from Galchutt to Abercrombie and now in 2021 have moved from Abercrombie to my living room! As winter arrives and I get a chance to weed through those photos, I may occasionally come across one or two that I will share with our readers that represent one of our churches from years past. A couple are included this month on page 2. I hope you enjoy a taste of the past.

Thank you to those Emmanuel and Galchutt members who helped serve the lunch or offered to bring food for the Celebration of Life service for her!

If any of you have old photos of the early days of Emmanuel, Galchutt, or St. John's, email them to [emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelgalchutt@gmail.com) for upcoming issues!

*Lou Ann Lee*

### Mixed signals

A newcomer approached the pastor after worship and said, "I'd like you to pray for my hearing."

Placing hands on the man's ears, the pastor said a very passionate, earnest prayer and then asked the visitor, "How's your hearing now?"

With a confused look, the man said, "Well, it's scheduled for tomorrow."

### Lessons from lilies

Recently I was challenged to think about what consumes me — and what distracts me from giving God more. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus tells us not to worry about what we eat, drink and wear. I've read those verses numerous times and usually respond, "Yeah, but the birds and lilies don't have mortgages and bills! How can I not worry?" I'm finally realizing that if I put Christ first, then my trust in him affects my day-to-day decisions. Plus, negative thoughts start to fade.

When do you respond, "Yeah, but ..." to God? Maybe it's when you want to sleep in on Sunday, or when the offering plate is passed, or when you're asked to teach Sunday school. Try reciting Matthew 6:33 often: "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (ESV). When we prioritize Jesus, he guides us toward him and away from worries.

—Julie Lee (posted in Newsletter.com)



## Emmanuel Lutheran Council Highlights

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council met on September 14, 2021. In attendance were Sharon Tschakert, Jessica Kappes, Craig Syvertsen, Don Hestdalen, Lesley Hulne, and Pastor Janelle. President Jessica called the meeting to order.

**Pastor's Report:** Janelle attended the Pastor's Retreat at Fair Hills recently. She is setting Wednesday as her dedicated local office day, as well as teaching Confirmation Class in the late afternoon. She will get the mileage reimbursement process started and will be starting visitation soon.

**Secretary's Report:** The report was given and approved in a motion by Sharon and second by Don.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessica presented the Treasurer's Report provided by Lou Ann. The treasurer's report was approved in a motion by Sharon and second by Donald.

**Education Committee:** We will offer Sunday School, starting September 19 at 9:30 AM. Masking will be optional and parents are asked to keep ill children home.

**Property:** They are still working on finding someone to do the roof/steeple repair. The shelving in the back room will be repaired.

**Worship:** The committee will meet with Galchutt to pick out hymns.

**Old Business:** Lenny Krueger has a project at the Fort Grounds for God's Work-Our Hands in the spring. Help is needed preparing for spring opening of the Fort. Dusting, prepping flower beds, as well as the future flagpole replacement. We need a part-time Custodian and have a couple possibilities.

**New Business:** Covid Protocol was discussed. We will continue music and liturgy as normal. Masks will be optional. The congregation will be asked to socially distance as appropriate. We will have continuous communion until further notice. Offering will be collected on the back table. Craig made a motion to give a monetary gift to pianist Jessica Dobmeier and husband for their wedding. Sharon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next meeting is October 13, 2021. Craig moved to adjourn the meeting, Don seconded the motion and it carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. *Secretary, Lesley Hulne*

*(\*\* The council meeting was later changed to October 6, 2021.)*

## We keep the following in our prayers:



- ◆ Kevin Paczkowski who has recently been hospitalized;
- ◆ Alice Guinness who was recently hospitalized but now has returned to her home;
- ◆ All those who continue to suffer from medical conditions as they try to heal;
- ◆ All those who suffer from COVID-19 health issues; and
- ◆ The family of Betty Syvertsen who passed away on August 22nd.

Thank you to Michael Lee for purchasing materials and constructing the new sign for the Emmanuel Church. The former sign had served the congregation for over 40 years (maybe more) and was in need of repair or replacement.



Since the new sign was made with marine grade plywood, it may outlast the carpenter!

Thanks also to Wes Berg for mowing the steep ditches around the cemetery!

Thanks to everyone who volunteers in any way.



Pamela Krump \*  
Doug Johnson  
Daniel Dockter  
Marissa Moxness  
Alex Paczkowski  
Logan Biffert

## Galchutt Lutheran Council Highlights

The Galchutt Church Council met on September 15th at 6:30 PM at Galchutt Lutheran Church. Members present were Pamela Krump, Alex Paczkowski, Doug Johnson, Logan Biffert, Daniel Dockter, and Pastor Janelle Hansen. Pamela called the meeting to order, Janelle started meeting with a devotion and prayer. Alex read secretary's report, Doug made a motion to accept secretary's report and Logan seconded. Pamela presented the treasury report from Kendra, Alex made a motion to accept treasury report and Daniel seconded.

**Pastor's Report:** Janelle has been our pastor for about 10 days. She mentioned that confirmation will start Wednesday, September 22, in Colfax from 3:30-5:00 PM. She went to a retreat/conference on Monday, September 13, at Fair Hills Resort. She performed Betty Syvertsen's funeral on September 9 with Pastor Jeff McCracken. This semester Janelle has 2 classes that started this week and will go until mid-November. Pastor Janelle will be out on October 31 and Kim Adams will be pulpit supply. She currently has 1 shut-in visitation on the schedule and her office hours will be Wednesdays at Emmanuel. She briefly discussed why she is called a SAM (Synod Authorized Minister) pastor instead of intern pastor. In 2 years after her schooling, she will be Intern Pastor Janelle Hansen until she is ordained.

**New Business:** The council is looking into getting Wi-Fi in the church for livestreaming and Sunday School use. Richland 44 is selling some used equipment and may have a tablet for sale. VBS is in the works for end of September with a presentation during church service beginning of October. St John's anniversary is being planned for tentatively September 2022. St John's entryway is still being fixed with early October as the hopefully finishing timeframe. Kenzy Overby asked the council if she can get married at St. John's church in October. Council approved if St. John's church is finished. Next meeting was scheduled for October 20 at 6:30 PM at Galchutt Lutheran Church. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

*Secretary, Alexandra Paczkowski*

## Appreciating your pastor

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.



But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel.

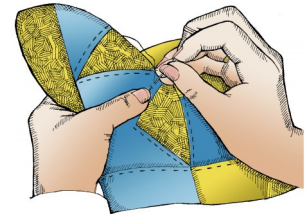
**So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:**

- **God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called.** Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless pastors with your patience.
- **We don't change the message; the message changes us.** You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.
- **If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has.** Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.

*(Taken from [newsletternewsletter.com/subscriber/content/issue/9671999](http://newsletternewsletter.com/subscriber/content/issue/9671999))*

# LWR News

Another month has passed as we prepare to send the quilts and school kits to the Minneapolis warehouse for shipment to regions around the world in need. Thank you for your help in this ministry of service. The boxes will be taken to Fargo the week of October 11-15.



QUILTING GROUP

We are always looking for people, members or friends, who have a desire to volunteer time and service as we continue to quilt. No sewing is required! We can use your help tying knots to hold the quilts together, choosing fabrics and colors to use in the tops, or just enjoying coffee and fellowship as we gather. Our next quilt day will be October 19 from 9 AM to 3 PM.

*Ellen Rittenhouse*

## Thank you to the following for their donations!

### ***In Memory of Betty Syvertsen***

#### **Emmanuel Flooring Fund**

- Betty Syvertsen family
- Carol Sheridan
- Craig & Ila Myhre
- Tessa & Stuart Tschakert

#### **Emmanuel Cemetery**

- Allan & Gladys Amundsen
- Anise Dahlquist
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#### **Emmanuel General Fund**

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### ***In Memory of Betty Syvertsen***

#### **Galchutt Building Fund**

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- Steve & Shelly Fixen

#### **Emmanuel Quilting Fund**

- Rose Adair

#### **Emmanuel General Fund**

- Susan Rothwell
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**Memorials  
& Gifts**



# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 "Communion" Galchutt Worship 9AM & SS 9:45AM  Emmanuel SS 9:30 AM & Worship 10:30AM	4	5	6 Confirmation 3:30 - 5:30 PM  Emmanuel council mtg 6:30 PM	7	8	9
10 "Pastor Appreciation Sunday"  Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30 AM	11	12	13 Confirmation 3:30 - 5:30 PM	14	15	16
17 "Communion"  Galchutt Worship 9AM & SS 9:45AM  Emmanuel SS 9:30 AM & Worship 10:30AM	18 Echo articles due today	19 Quilting at Emmanuel 9AM - 3 PM	20 <b>No confirmation</b>  Galchutt council mtg 6:30 PM	21 NDEA	22 NDEA	23
24 Galchutt Worship 9AM Emmanuel Worship 10:30 AM	25	26	27 Confirmation 3:30 - 5:30 PM	28	29 Richland Lutefisk Supper	30
31 Reformation Sunday  Galchutt Worship 9AM  Emmanuel Worship 10:30 AM					Deb Syvertsen  Emmanuel Altar Guild  	

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